(iii) have had wide experience in financial matters and in administration; or

(iv) have special knowledge of economics."

Composition of Central Board of Excise and Customs and Central Board of Direct Taxes

3598. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the composition of Central Board of Excise and Customs and Central Board of Direct Taxes; and

(b) whether any representation has been given to S.C./S.T. persons on these Boards; if so, the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Each Board has a Chairman and not more than six other Members.

(b) No, Sir. No S.C./S.T. Officer in the field of eligibility was found suitable for appointment to either Board.

Representation to Scheduled Castes in various Boards

3599. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the composition of the National Wastelands Development Board, the Central Water Pollution Control Board and the Central Air Pollution Control Board, respectively; and

(b) what are the details of the representation given to the Scheduled Castes in each such Board?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) The current composition of the National Wastelands Development Board and the Central Pollution Control Board, are given in Statement I (*See* below) and Statement II (*See* below) respectively. The Central Pollution Control Board exercises the powers and performs the functions envisaged in the Water (Prevention and Control of Water Pollution) Act, 1974, and the Prevention and Control of Air Pollution Act, 1981.

(b) There is no special provision for the representation of Scheduled Castes on each of the above mentioned Boards.

Statement I

Composition of National Wastelands Development Board

1. Union Minister of Environment and Forests	—Chairman
2. Sh. Duleep Matthai	—Vice Chairman
3. Member, Planning Commission	—Member
4. Three members of Parliament	—Members
5. Secretaries to the Government of India in the Departments of Agriculture and Cooperation, Rural Development	—Members
6. Secretary, to the Govt. of India, Ministry of Finance, (Deptt. of Expenditure)	—Member (Finance)
7. Secretary, Department of Agriculture Research and Education and Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research.	—Member
8. Inspector General of Forests	—Member
9. Representatives of Voluntary Agencies and Cooperative Institutions etc. (not exceeding six) to be nominated by the Chairman	—Members
10. Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests	—Member-Secretary